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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were fully adequate to balanced and held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to fully sufficient for the quiet to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good, best for features. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and held with confidence.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI
EXTRA LARGE	40-49	44-46	Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly
LARGE	40-48	42-45	LARGE 28-36 31
MEDIUM	30-36	33-35	MEDIUM 16-21 19
			SMALL 4-6

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand ranged light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance and continued to be held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient and demand was noted as light to moderate. Schedules were reported as usually normal. Spent hens were generally adequate for a moderate to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules for next week were normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47-61	49-53
LARGE	42-56	47-51
MEDIUM	31-44	36-38

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned movement was moderate to good, best for features. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs and held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet for the adequate offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48.5-57	50-53
LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-38

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was usually moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were confidently held and were noted as adequate to balanced for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Light type hens were generally adequate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	47.25-55	49-52
LARGE	45-53	47-50
MEDIUM	29.25-40	33-37

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to at times good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	62-66
LARGE	60-64
MEDIUM	47-51

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were barely adequate to balanced.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-54	48-50
LARGE	45-53	46-49
MEDIUM	37-44	38-40

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**WESTERN EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo and extra large, 6-7 cents higher on large, and 4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings held confidently.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 6 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings in good balance and held confidently. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79, large dozen 89.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	87
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	71

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	71-79
EXTRA LARGE	69-75
LARGE	67-70
MEDIUM	58-61

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	189-205

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was quiet as most breakers reported balanced to fully adequate inventories and adequate offerings. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Supplies were not as available, but still fully adequate for current processing needs. Schedules were reported as mostly normal. Demand ranged light to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-October-2004 were 3% less than the previous week, but 14% more than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-18	13-16
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 30-OCT-04  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,320,598	31,525	13,003	7,118	2,601	4,628
PW	1,355,557	32,095	13,447	7,200	2,479	4,710
LY	1,179,440	30,308	9,917	5,386	1,974	4,068
% CHG PW	-3	-2	-3	-1	5	-2
% CHG LY	12	4	31	32	32	14
2004	53,348,763	1,264,707	514,369	277,892	117,129	183,000
2003	50,345,889	1,232,164	456,682	248,416	100,884	180,117
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	16	2
	CURRENT			PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK			WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.61			42.38	42.12	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.11			38.91	38.67	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44 to 48 cents f.o.b. with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate for all products with demand fairly good to good. Yolk demand surprised a number of industry participants, as yolk movement made a complete turn around from what most had predicted last week; although most feel that current yolk demand will be short lived. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	27.5-29.75	28.19	-.53
WHITES	20	29.5-32	30.43	.22
YOLKS	20	46.5-49	47.45	.22

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were unchanged on salt yolks, unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Supplies were adequate for trade needs. Demand was no better than light to moderate with most buyers still taking product on an as needed basis. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-Oct-2004 were 1% less than the previous week, but 20% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	38-43	39-41	45-49
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-80
WHITES	41-45	42-45	48-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	56-59	63-67
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-57	54-56	58-65
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** All frozen prices ranged unchanged with the exception of sugared yolk which ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment continued steady for all frozen products. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and sugared yolk with demand on the balance of products seasonally fair. Offerings were balanced to adequate for all products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	38-39
WHITES	43-45	45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-60	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-56

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/30 was 13 percent more than the previous week. Frozen demand seasonally good with freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were lower on whole, unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly light to occasionally good. Supplies were adequate to available. Trade sentiment was usually about steady to steady on yolks and whole, and barely steady on albumen. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Oct-2004 were 5% more than the previous week, and 32% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 16% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.44-1.70	MOSTLY 1.52-1.60
YOLKS	1.35-1.50	MOSTLY 1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.30	MOSTLY 2.98-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.35-1.70	MOSTLY 1.40-1.52

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT. 29, 2004-NOV. 04, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 68.25

FUTURE LOADS 69.50

TOTAL LOADS 137.75

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	29.67	34.50	29.42	31.11	—	—	23.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	48.50	52.00	46.50	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	46.17	43.60	46.23	39.55	42.00	26.00
GL W LG	—	44.33	21.50	23.00	38.29	—	41.25
GL W MD	29.00	36.00	25.20	29.35	—	31.90	24.00
GL W SM	24.63	26.33	24.75	27.25	20.00	21.50	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.00	—	6.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	21.00	8.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	40.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	41.50	1.00
GNR W 4	21.00	23.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	58.38	—	58.00	3.00
GL W XL	39.25	41.20	—	—	—	49.85	10.25
GL W LG	37.67	43.72	—	48.94	—	48.45	32.75
GL W MD	30.33	28.00	32.50	—	36.00	38.25	11.50
GL W SM	18.00	—	—	—	—	23.00	1.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week ago. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 3-8 6-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for adequate offerings of spent light hens. Schedules were set according to a fair call for finished product. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the fairly good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 0-5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	51.00	49.00	37.00
SOUTHEAST	50.50	48.50	35.00
MIDWEST	45.00	43.50	34.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	51.50	49.50	36.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	49.58	47.70	35.67

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; lights were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for light canners; fair to fairly good for heavies with supplies mostly being used internally. Offerings were clearing satisfactorily and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

28-32 MAJORITY 28-29

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

29-34 MAJORITY 30-33

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 30-OCT-04 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,433	1,519	2,952
Last Week	1,462	1,501	2,963
Same week yr ago	1,093	1,314	2,407
To-date/2004	58,774	58,544	117,318
To-date/2003	62,531	60,493	123,024

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	371	7	378
Last Week	379	20	399
Same week yr ago	175	0	175
To-date/2004	10,473	126	10,599
To-date/2003	9,884	137	10,021

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,804	1,526	3,330
Last Week	1,841	1,521	3,362
Same week yr ago	1,268	1,314	2,582
To-date/2004	69,247	58,670	127,917
To-date/2003	72,415	60,630	133,045

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 23, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	617	458	14,182	13,992
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	10	41	598	471
Total	627	499	14,791	14,559

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 23, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	41	103	7,050	4,724
Frozen	48	39	1,460	2,982
Dried	0	0	1,853	1,063
Total	89	142	10,363	8,769

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 23, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	14	17	392	404
Extra Large	1,500	1,320	157,334	26,002
Large	2,825	5,910	318,618	104,696
Medium	1,609	1,320	104,834	50,532
Ungraded	15,528	3,540	275,136	158,378
Misc	0	780	16,790	14,222
Total	21,476	12,887	873,104	354,234

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) **Processed other**

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
CHG		898	-44031	7228
PCT CHG		27%	-24%	12%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of September 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on November 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	24	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	403	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	862	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Up 5 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 168 million dozen during September 2004, up 5 percent from September a year ago.

September 2004 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays, the same as September 2003.

During calendar year 2004, shell eggs broken totaled 1.44 billion dozen, up 6 percent from the 1.36 billion dozen broken in 2003. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2004 was 1.85 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2003.

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 30-Oct-2004

Selected	CW	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
Consuming Centers	(Thousands)		LW	LY
Atlanta	31.0	26.6	17	18
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3	-14
Chicago	60.1	61.7	-3	27
Detroit	25.5	26.9	-5	0
Kansas City	3.7	2.1	76	0
Los Angeles	95.4	95.3	0	10
New Orleans	7.5	8.6	-13	-1
New York	30.9	30.5	1	4
St. Louis	19.3	17.9	8	-5
San Francisco	19.7	19.1	3	-11
Total	296.2	291.9	1	8
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.0			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 30-Oct-04	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	244.8	1	8
East North Central	579.8	7	5
West North Central	290.1	1	2
South Atlantic	220.4	-1	0
South Central	63.0	-4	-10
West	186.4	5	-4
Total	1584.5	3	2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

**Areas Covered:**

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Nov 02, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	94	92	63	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	86-90	84-88	55-59	38-42
MOSTLY	88-89	86-87	57-58	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	93-97	91-95	62-66	44-48
MOSTLY	93	91	62	44
VERMONT	95-98	93-95	64-65	-
MOSTLY	95	93	64	-

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